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SUBJECT: IRAQ: ITALY PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ICI
MINISTERIAL MEETING

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11. Poloff delivered ref a points to Amb. Gianludovico De Martino, Director of the MFA Iraq Task Force, on April 29. De Martino said that Italy will have a new government by the ICI Ministerial and was hopeful that the new Foreign Minister would attend. De Martino noted that as IRFFI co-chair, Italy would be prepared to make a presentation about its assistance efforts at the conference.

12. De Martino noted that the Italian MFA's Iraq Task Force, which was originally scheduled to be phased out during the summer, will continue until the end of the year. De Martino said he would like to continue pressing to operationalize ICI/IRFFI mechanisms, would travel to Baghdad May 2-3 to discuss his ideas further with Embassy Baghdad staff, and would have an opportunity to meet with S/I Deputy Director Blakeman in Rome on May 8.
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